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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Special Flight Approvals for Project OXCART Support Aircraft

1. Development Projects Division recently purchased a Model 1649 "Jetstream" Constellation aircraft from Lockheed Aircraft Corporation against requirements connected with Project OXCART. This aircraft will be used exclusively in support of OXCART needs on and after 15 June 1961.

25X1C 2. In the meantime, however, with the approval of the Deputy Director (Plans), this aircraft has been removed from storage at Burbank, California, and has been equipped for long range missions and fully certificated by FAA under its original FAA registry of N1001. [REDACTED]

25X1C [REDACTED] Premature removal of N1001 was primarily dictated by operational considerations arising from other activities of the Clandestine Services. Unless utilized for these other purposes, between now and 15 June, the aircraft and its full crew will be in flyable standby status. During this period approximately two flights a month will be flown from Burbank on local clearances in order to retain FAA certification.

[REDACTED]

25X1C a. Since control over the aircraft resides in DPD, no official of this Division will authorize a special flight to be performed by [REDACTED] with this aircraft without prior approval of the Assistant Chief, DPD, or the Chief, Development Branch, DPD.

25X1C b. Requests for special flights should be transmitted to the Assistant Chief, DPD, in brief, written form, outlining the customer Division, Staff, or activity, the nature of the flight to be performed,

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an estimate of the flying hours involved, and any support requirements such as an augmented crew, navigator, special configuration, etc.

c. The Assistant Chief, DPD, or the Chief, Development Branch, DPD will assign an approval number to the special flight request (CON-200-61-1, 2, etc.). Such approval will then be transmitted electrically to [REDACTED] on the DPD communications circuit or arranged telephonically by either approving officer. Monthly billings from [REDACTED] will reflect this approval number opposite hours flown and personal services provided. The Assistant Chief, DPD, will approve such billings, and his signature will constitute an acceptance of services performed.

4. The above procedure is set forth in order to insure that priority operational requirements are met should they develop both now and after 15 June and also that proper cost accounting records are maintained of all expenditures connected with this aircraft.

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Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

CC: Assistant to DD/P

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